

**Going Green!**

**By the EARTHSAVERS**

As a member of the EARTHSAVERS Go Green Team, it is our job to inform others of our stride to make the world a “greener” place. We have made a series of projects that are meant to inform the public of the growing need to help the earth. Our big project was teaching an elementary class mainly how important today’s air pollution is and other facts about saving the earth.

There were several goals for this project. We wanted the kids, the future, to know how important the needs of the earth are today. We chose to teach them the following:

**Outside Air Pollution:**

* “Dirty” air is polluted air.
* Have you ever noticed that the air in a city smells different than the air in the country?
* Exhausts from vehicles give off fumes that can poison you. Factories also release fumes.

**Indoor Air Pollution:**

* Fumes like paint, coal, gas from gas heaters, and even stoves and ovens can be harmful.
* The main source of air pollution is smoking. Smoking is very dangerous.
* The smoke that comes from the smoker is called “second-hand smoke,” and is more harmful than smoking itself.
* Both can cause cancers and diseases.

**Ways to Reduce Indoor Air Pollution:**

* Make sure rooms are ventilated while painting or using chemicals.
* Ventilate your home often by running fans and opening windows.
* Ask parents, friends, and family to please not smoke around others or smoke outside rather than inside.
* NEVER SMOKE.

We chose this certain project because we felt that it was one of the best since it’s important to educate our younger generation to start good habits at an early age. We had an opportunity to teach kids different ways to help the earth since they are the future. They understood and gave us many good examples as to how they could further help the earth. Many could relate to the situations and realized they could have done something more to reduce air pollution which was the whole purpose of this project.

To conduct our project, we went through several steps. First we went online and researched information about air pollution. We summarized the information to make it easy for the kids to understand. We then printed out coloring pages for the kids to color. After collecting our basic materials, we conducted a lesson plan.

After our hard work, we completed our project by selecting the class we wanted to teach. It was also important for us to contact the teacher and find a comfortable time for her and the class. Last but not least, we presented the lesson and recorded it on video.

This project was very unique because it was hands on and interactive. By presenting the lesson, even to younger children, it made what we did a lot more fun, not only for us but for the kids as well. It will also help word travel faster. If no one knows about the harm air pollution causes and how it occurs, they will not know how to prevent it from happening. We would say that the most interesting part of the presentation was listening to what the class had to say about the topic we were teaching.

This project will definitely impact our school and community because it is something outside of the usual curriculum. Teaching this valuable lesson in school helps to positively impact the community because it should prompt conversations within the homes of the students when they speak of their new lesson with their families. This brings extra awareness to the community.



